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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE: SWEDISH VIEWS

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1. EMBOFF ASKED STAFFAN SOHLMAN, HEAD OF SWEDISH MULTILATERAL ASSISTANCE IN MFA, WHETHER HE HAD ANY FURTHER INFORMATION TO PROVIDE CONCERNING SWEDISH POSITIONS AND PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE (WFC). SOHLMAN SAID GOS THINKS IT IMPORTANT THAT PREPCOM ITSELF GIVE ATTENTION TO PROPOSAL OF FAO DIRECTOR GENERAL BOERMA, MADE TO FAO CONFERENCE LAST YEAR, REGARDING WORLD FOOD SECURITY. NOTING THAT PROPOSAL WAS ITEM ON WFC DRAFT AGENDA, SOHLMAN ARGUED THAT THOROUGH DISCUSSION OF MATTER IN PREPCOM IS NECESSARY IF CONFERENCE IS TO REACH AGREEMENT IN AREA OF FOOD SECURITY.

2. SOHLMAN NOTED THAT WORKING GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT END OF MAY TO CONSIDER BOERMA'S PROPOSAL. HE SUGGESTED THAT PREPCOM 2 ASK THAT REPORT OF WORKING GROUP BE DISTRIBUTED AND THAT BOERMA BE INVITED TO PRESENT PROPOSAL IN DETAIL TO PREPCOM 3 WHERE IT COULD BE DISCUSSED.

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3. SOHLMAN SAID GOS DOES NOT EXPECT BOERMA'S PLAN TO BE ADOPTED

IN ITS ENTIRETY BY CONFERENCE. SWEDEN FAVORS PROPOSAL IN PRINCIPLE
BUT BELIEVES IT SHOULD BE TALKED OVER AND CLARIFIED
IN INTERNATIONAL GROUP.

4. SOHLMAN SAID GOS WOULD WELCOME EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH US
ON HOW TO PROCEED ON THIS MATTER.

5. GOS, HE ADDED, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF US
THINKING ABOUT APPROPRIATE CONFERENCE RESPONSE TO FERTILIZER
PROBLEM.

6. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE US VIEWS ON POINTS
RAISED IN PARAS 4 AND 5 IN ORDER THAT WE MAY ENCOURAGE A
CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE WITH GOS.
HIRABAYASHI

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